

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
FILING COMPLETION UNDER 37 CFR 52, 53, and/or 85

In re Application of: Simionescu, et al.

Serial No: 10/722,581

Filed: November 24, 2003

Confirmation No: 5668

Title: Tissue Method And Process For Bioprosthesis

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 [] Abstract [] pages of Specification (only spec. & claims) [] Drawing Figs.
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 [] Priority is hereby claimed under rule 55 and 35 U.S.C. 119 based on prior foreign application(s) no(s).

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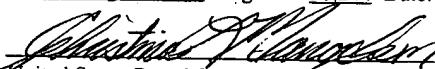
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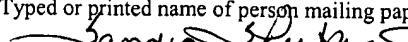
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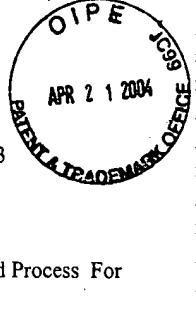
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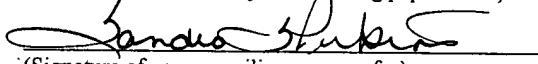
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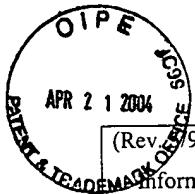
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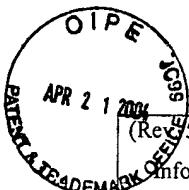
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